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HOPE AT LAST FOR HACKNEY AS COUNCIL SWINGS LEFT

Hackney's new council has moved sharply to the Left. For the first time for many years the ruling "old guard" of the Labour Party will find themselves challenged by a substantial and vocal opposition. (This doesn't mean the single Tory, Joe Lobenstein, who was the only obstacle to Labour's clean sweep in the elections.) The opposition will come from a "Broad Left" group who hold 24 of the 60 seats. Although they do not hold a majority there are enough members to ensure that a Left voice is heard in Council deliberations. This, with the Broad Left commitment to probably the most socialist manifesto ever proposed by a Hackney Labour Party, means that there is a chance that the Council will make some progress to implementing real change in the borough.

The Broad Left consists mainly of younger councillors who have been elected this month for the first time. The key to the influence of the group, however, depends on the small number of their members who were already on the Council. The attitude of the old guard to these key Broad Left members will determine whether the Council as a whole will actually adopt a coherent left platform.

It was at first thought that the old guard would attempt to "buy" some of these key members off with offers of the chairs of various committees, on the understanding that if these members accepted office then they would drop their overall commitment to the manifesto and their membership of the Broad Left. However, they quickly realised that this tactic would only increase the gap between the two groups, and certain jobs were offered to Broad Left members no strings attached. Because the Broad Left is opposed to the whole idea of the selection of the chairs of the committees by a narrow group of councillors rather than by direct election from the whole Council they refused

these offers. An attempt was made at a Labour Party group meeting to drop the whole idea of a selection committee but this was voted down.

MANIFESTO

The Broad Left, as the name implies, is a widely-based group of councillors who differ greatly in their individual political beliefs. However, they are all strongly committed to the manifesto which the Labour Party stood on in the elections. This is the key, the "uniting force", as one of its members told HPP: "We felt the need to set up a group campaigning for the manifesto, as we felt there might be elements which might oppose it."

The Broad Left has grown from a number of people who formed a group committed to attacking the public spending cuts imposed by central Government. Before the election both councillors and prospective councillors fought for a common manifesto to be written and adopted by all three constituency Labour parties. Now the fight will be for the manifesto to be

implemented. A motion has been proposed to the May Council meeting (which takes place after this issue of HPP goes to press) which calls on Council officers to make immediate feasibility studies and costings for its full implementation. If this motion is passed by the Council then obviously the Broad Left will have scored an important victory. And if the old guard oppose the motion it will show that they refuse to accept the whole concept of a socialist programme for Hackney.

One Broad Left councillor told HPP that the real task of the group is to show that "alternative socialist policies are viable. Councillors have coalesced into a ruling group. They don't see themselves as politicians but as managers. We want to bring politics back into council decision-making. We can't just accept money coming in and then decide what to do with it."

So the group has committed itself to challenging the financing of the Council. "We will make minimal difference unless we tackle the question of the interest charges that Hackney pays to financial institutions in the City," we were told. "Half the Council's annual budget goes on paying back interest."

INVOLVEMENT

The other key part of the Broad Left strategy is the removal of the secret cloaks behind which the Council has in general operated. The group believe

that it is wrong that so many decisions are taken without the involvement of the community at large. The Council has the power to co-opt various people onto its committees, and they want to see this being done more often.

But further still, they would like to see much more open government by the Council. This would be a radical departure for a Council which is accustomed to operating often in secrecy.

Obviously HPP feels that the implementation of a left socialist manifesto would make a distinct improvement in the lives of the people of Hackney, particularly if the radical change towards open government and involvement of the community in decision-making is made also. The Broad Left group could be an important force in these steps forward. But it will be a hard task for them. The old Council showed itself to be highly resistant to giving any power or role back to the people of Hackney, even when they have been specifically instructed to do so, such as in the Partnership programme. Only when we make massive strides towards the involvement of the community in all aspects of deciding how it is run will we begin to be satisfied.

Inside, we survey the election results, and also look at the role of the Labour Party "group", where many decisions are taken and whose activities are never discussed in public (see p.2.)

MARCHING FOR 1000 EXTRA NURSERY PLACES

Two hundred and fifty people, many of them children, joined the Hackney Under Fives on their march on Saturday 20 May to demand more money for provisions for pre-school children in Hackney. The marchers gathered at Dalston Odeon where they heard speakers including Reg Race and Myra Garrett. Then, accompanied by a girls' steel band, they marched around central Hackney to St John's Churchyard.

Hackney Under Fives has been campaigning for seven years to improve facilities for pre-school children in the borough. They are disappointed by the lack of signs of the Council's promise that the Under Fives would be a top priority for Social Services in 1977-78. They marched to gain commitments from the new Council:

a. that it would stand by its manifesto "that provision for children

under five within the borough should be a priority in our social services." b. that the budget for under fives in Hackney would be increased to £2M this year.

Two million pounds is the amount which the Hackney Under Fives estimate is necessary for the Council to provide day care facilities for the 1000 children in the 'Top Priority' section of the social services waiting list. These 1000 children are those who are in most desperate need of day care provision - children of parents who have to go to work, and are of one-parent families etc. Not all parents wish to take their children to a nursery, but Hackney needs adequate facilities for those who need or want it.

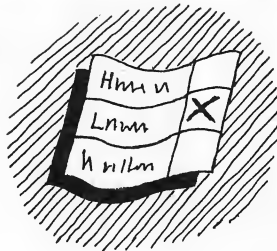
Anyone wishing to contact HUF can do so at 136 Kingsland High Street, E8, or on 254 9145.



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ELECTION REVIEW

by our man at the polling station



The Council election results obviously delighted the Labour Party, who probably expected to lose more than just one seat to the Tories. However this was the only change in the balance on the Council - despite a general swing to the Tories across the borough. Forty members of the old Council were re-elected - and of the nineteen new Labour councillors elected, sixteen are in the Broad Left group.

What about the fascist threat? Somewhat surprisingly, the National Front only put up thirty candidates and appeared to concentrate their efforts in next-door Islington. However they contested every seat in the Hackney South and Shoreditch constituency and beat the Liberals in every seat and even the Tories in Moorfields, Haggerston and Wenlock. Their best results were in De Beauvoir where the Day family polled 487, 458 and 431 votes each. (Isn't it strange how Derrick Day has been accepted back into the NF after his flirtation with the even greater thugs of the British Movement? The NF always claim to have no connection with the BM and do not allow their members to join it.

This is rubbish as many Front members all over the country are also in the BM and cavort around celebrating such festivals as Hitler's birthday.) The NF had a bad election all over the country, with no seats won at all. Massive anti-fascist activity, such as the Victoria Park Carnival four days before the election has contributed to this poor showing.

There were no other left parties standing in Hackney except the seventeen Communists who had argued a strong case for a left Labour-Communist coalition. Their best result was the 182 votes won by David Green in Rectory. In Northfield, where they stood three candidates (as they regarded the ward Labour Party as right wing) they got a derisory poll.

Lobenstein, the only Tory to win a seat, undoubtedly gained a large personal vote from the orthodox Jewish block in his ward, Springfield. It was sad that he should keep out another Broad Left councillor. It was also noteworthy at the count how he was immediately heartily congratulated by Martin Ottolangui and his chums.

LABOUR GROUP

The Labour "group" consists of all the councillors who belong to the Labour Party and two liaison delegates from each constituency party. All these people meet together to discuss the agenda for each Council meeting and Labour Party policy and tactics for the meeting. Since the Council is overwhelmingly controlled by Labour this means in effect that group meetings are Council meetings held in private. Each councillor signs a declaration that he or she will abide by Labour group discipline, so if the group decides to act one way, and the councillor defies the leadership and votes the other way in Council he or she will be disciplined. This happened in February 1977 when some councillors refused to vote for an increase in council house rents.

Because voting patterns are fixed before the actual votes in Council are taken, it would be relatively easy for a strong leadership to push controversial measures through a weak and dozy group meeting. There is no doubt that this has happened in

Hackney in the past. But a strong and alert group does have some form of democratic control, since the constituency party delegates are there to report the views of the wards. With the new Broad Left having 24 votes in group meetings it may well happen that there will be a close vote on any controversial decisions. The Broad Left may attempt to put through motions when it feels that it can sway votes from the centre unaligned councillors. Whatever happens in the life of this Council, we can be sure that the Labour group will be more lively and the leadership may well find it difficult to control.

The main Labour Party policy-making body is its Local Government Committee. Here two delegates from each constituency meet, and most of these delegates are councillors. This is the body which drafts manifestos and determines policy. Again, this can be controlled fairly democratically since the wards and the parties have the opportunity of electing delegates who are not already councillors.

bringing the social arts to whitechapel

'Art for Society' is an exhibition of Contemporary British Art with Political or Social Purpose being held at the Whitechapel Gallery until 18 June.

There is, in Britain, a widely held view that art does not mix well with politics or a commitment to social change. It is a view that has been reinforced by the contemporary art establishment. In the Seventies the only art exhibitions of contemporary work with distinct social purpose at the Whitechapel have been Bruce Lacey and Leon Kossof. Before that one has to go back to Derrick Greaves in 1959, Joseph Hermann in 1956 and John Berger's 'Looking Forward', an exhibition of realist pictures in 1952. At the Tate there has been nothing since the William Roberts exhibition in 1965; at the Hayward nothing except Matta (1977) since its opening ten years ago. Even when the achievements of Hogarth, Blake, Morris and Courbet are examined in major exhibitions their social radicalism is played down.

This exhibition was originally proposed by a group of people who remembered the work of the Artists' International Association and artists like James Boswell in the Thirties, and those so called 'social realists' of the Fifties. But their proposal coincided with the emergence of a younger generation of artists determined to use their work to expose hypocrisy and social injustice, to record conflict between social and racial groups or to provide a medium through which people might begin to reshape, even if only marginally at first, their lives.

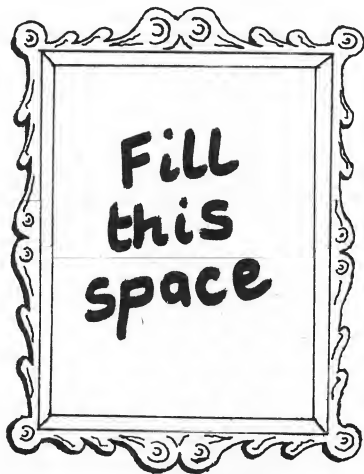
From the outset the aim has been to include a very wide range of work. The exhibition has been selected from the open submission of more than 300 artists, by a committee of nine artists, critics, social and cultural historians. It includes work by over 90 artists, covering contemporary trades union banners, paintings and photographs of demonstrations, conflict in Northern Ireland, South Africa and between social groups. There are

also works which comment on the place of the individual in society, how people spend their working lives and the way in which society treats disadvantaged groups - women, the old and the mentally handicapped.

There will be a full programme of evening and weekend lectures, films and discussions throughout the exhibition - for details contact the gallery. The catalogue includes essays on aspects of the exhibition and the place of the artist in society by Richard Cork, John Gorman, Charles Gosford, Ian Jeffrey, David Logan, Toni del Renzio, Margaret Richards, Ken Sprague and Caroline Tisdall.

The Annual Open Exhibition of the Whitechapel Art Gallery will be held from 26 July to 27 August 1978.

You are invited to submit your work if you live or work in Hackney.



Paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, photographs or work in any other medium can be submitted, including proposals for gallery installations. Film, video, performance or work in any other live medium will be shown at publicised times during the exhibition.

If you would like to work with media outside the Gallery at locations in the area, your work is eligible as

long as it is done in specific conjunction with the exhibition at the Gallery. Such work will be included in the catalogue. Each artist may submit three works. Priority will be given to works done in the last two years. The work to be shown in the exhibition will be selected by Nicholas Serota, Director, and the staff of the Gallery.

You can either submit the work

itself or send slides, photographs or written proposals. For full details of how to submit see the entry form.

Entry forms which must accompany all submissions are available from local libraries, and from Sally Williams, Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, E1. Tel. 377 0107.

The closing date by which all works or plans for work must be submitted is 5 pm on 4 June.

"Ghetto" Housing Probe

It was announced recently that the Commission for Racial Equality is to formally investigate the allocations policy of Hackney's Housing Department. A member of the Housing Action Group spoke to Mary Hunt from the CRE, who is to lead the investigation.

She explained that the power to investigate is given under the 1976 Race Relations Act. The purpose of that power is to allow the CRE to decide for itself about the way ethnic minorities are treated. Under the Act there are two types of investigation. Firstly where the CRE believe that discrimination is taking place and secondly a general enquiry which, although formal, is not supposedly based on suspicion. Mary Hunt made it clear that the investigation was of the second type. It is possible for further powers of investigation to be obtained should the CRE find evidence to suggest discrimination.

It has been suggested to HPP that the CRE could well have chosen the first type of investigation. Under the Section discussing the allocations policy in the Hackney Labour Party Manifesto, it says: "We are concerned that a concentration of identifiable ethnic groups has grown up on some of our poorest estates which are well on the way to becoming ghettos..." Patrick Kodikara, Chairperson of the Hackney Community

Relations Council, has said that he was delighted at the CRE's initiative.

"This Council has done absolutely nothing since the new Race Relations Act to consider its duties towards its minority citizens" he said. Mr Kodikara also said that the CRE had many complaints alleging discrimination in the public housing field. Research indicates that discrimination has been going on for years. A Runnemeade Trust Project found that blacks were disproportionately represented on the older, less popular GLC housing estates and a PEP Study, "Racial Minorities and Public Housing" has confirmed that Local Authority discrimination exists.

The response from the Council has been mixed. The leader of the Council, Martin Ottolangui, and the Chief Executive Officer, Dennis Woods, were both reluctant to have the CRE investigate. They wanted to do an internal study. Readers of HPP many draw their own conclusions from this. We gather that the Chief Housing Officer, Tony Shoults, who has only recently been appointed, was more welcoming to the investigation.

The form that the investigation will take has yet to be sorted out. Mary Hunt from the CRE did say that work would begin in a matter of weeks. HPP will keep readers informed of the progress of the investigation.

POOR LAW

It would seem that the law of the land favours the financial well-being of property companies to the well-being of the tenants of those companies.

Following complaints about the conditions on two local houses, the Public Health Department served a notice on the owners of 68 Glyn Road, E5 and 48 Coopersale Road, E9. They are owned by Hillbank Properties Ltd and Talisman Properties Ltd respectively.

The Public Health Department have the power to serve the notice under the 1957 Housing Act. The companies appealed and the courts upheld the appeal. In his decision, the judge said that he had no doubt that substantial repairs are required to bring the properties up to a reasonable standard. He also suggested by implication that he did not think it right that the companies should have to spend thousands of pounds. Who then should meet the costs of repair? It was suggested to the court that the Council should support these companies whose only purpose is to make money.

According to the Housing Act 1969, which updated the 1957 Act, there is no duty on the Public Health Dept to consider the expense involved. Rightly so. A property company should not be in business unless it provides its tenants with a decent place in which to live. HPP thinks it scandalous that companies can make profits out of housing anyway.

Judge Willis, however, was persuaded by the appellants' lawyer that the Public Health Dept should have considered costs.

The result of the judge's decision to quash the improvement order is that the tenants of these two houses are still living in conditions which he recognised as unreasonable. The Public Health Dept have appealed against the decision. Lord Denning is still reserving judgement. Meanwhile the only ones suffering are the tenants.

REFUGE OPENING SOON

Hackney Women's Aid will be opening the long-awaited refuge as soon as we can get the place fixed. We will provide refuge for women who have been mentally and/or physically battered and their children.

For the house we still need chairs, carpets, small tables, crockery and cutlery, chests of drawers, bedding, cots and high chairs. Anyone who can offer any of these things please contact Sophie Dick 986 8111 or c/o 138 Calabria Road, N5.

We have just received an extra grant to pay for a second worker who we hope will work more with the children. Anyone who is interested please contact Mo, All Saints Vicarage, Livermere Road, E8.

HOUSING PICKET

Hackney Housing Action Group continue their campaign for the improvement of the housing service by a picket at the Town Hall on 24 May at 6.30 pm of the first Council meeting following the elections.

The meeting is an important one, where the chairpeople of the Housing Development and Management Committees will be announced and the other Council members of the committees decided. A leaflet will be distributed at the meeting which has also been made available at most of the larger meeting places and centres in the borough. It suggests that the Council buy and use empty property, penally rate empty houses, speed up the rehabilitation programme and use empty property for short-life housing.

The Labour Party's manifesto gives housing the greatest attention. The

JOB HUNT

After the success of last summer's 'Job Hunt' project, there is to be another Job Hunt for two weeks this summer based at the Fleet Project in Stoke Newington High Street.

The project will be open all day Monday to Friday, and it is expected to attract a large number of unemployed school leavers and other jobless young people, as there will be six staff working on the project full time, and a bank of four telephones have been installed.

The intention of the project is not just to try and fix the young people up with jobs, but also to make them aware of their rights to social security and other benefits, and also of their legal rights to no discrimination on ground of sex or race, and the way they can fight against employers who do discriminate.

Job Hunt is from 5 to 16 June, but Fleet Workshop for the unemployed is open all year round. For more information about either ring 254 4974.

ABC BACK TO B

On Friday 19 May Lord Chief Justice Widgery fined Peace News and the Leveller £500 each and the National Union of Journalists £200 for naming the mysterious Colonel B as Colonel Hugh A Johnstone. Johnstone was the witness in the Official Secrets hearing against two journalists, Crispin Aubrey and Duncan Campbell and their contact, ex-army corporal John Berry. Although the magistrates court gave no ruling that his name was not to be revealed, the Lord Chief Justice ruled that they did not have to, and so the papers were guilty of contempt.

Meanwhile Crispin Aubrey will be speaking at a meeting organised locally by Hackney People's Press and the Aubrey/Berry/Campbell Defence Campaign in Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8, on Friday 16 June at 8 pm. The case now has a long and involved history, much of which would be amazingly hilarious if it were not for the threat of long jail sentences hanging over the defendants' heads.

RESIDENTS HARASSED

The residents of the hostel on Lansdowne Drive, E8, who have been trying to persuade the GLC to let them run their own affairs are being harassed again.

On 23 January this year the management met with officers in the Dept of Health and Social Security in Bonhill Street. The hostel management felt, and said, that there had been collusion between the DHSS officers and the GLC Housing Department. The GLC had issued the hostel with notice to quit. The DHSS officers had also harassed

leaflet also reminds the councillors of the promises made in the manifesto and urges the Council to ensure that these promises will be carried out.

Meanwhile, the Housing Emergency Office, which was set up through the housing charity, SHELTER, has recently been in contact with the Housing Action Group. The HEO are mainly concerned with the use of empty property and also to persuade local authorities to use such accommodation rather than put families into bed and breakfasts. Such a scheme would actually save the council and rate-payers' money as well as being more pleasant for the homeless. The Housing Action Group have set up a working party to assess just how such a scheme would work in Hackney.

See back page for where to contact HAG.

ANANDA MARGA - NEW PLAY GROUP

The Ananda Marga is a spiritual organisation with a difference. It is an organisation which believes that the multifarious problems that we are facing in the world today can only be tackled and solved by an approach combining spiritual practices with social action, to change those existing social structures which contribute to the oppression and exploitation of humanity.

The Ananda Margiis, as the followers are called, follow a daily routine of meditation and yoga practices for inner development, which they feel is necessary for those who want to work for the welfare of the society, and are encouraged to become involved in the many social service activities of the society. Since it believes that the welfare of humanity can only be brought about by a wholistic approach, encompassing both short and long term measures, and dealing with causes rather than symptoms, the Ananda Marga has many different social programmes, in the fields of education, relief, welfare, the arts, science, ecology, etc. The founder-preceptor of the movement, Shrii P R Sarkar, has also developed a new socio-economic theory of a progressive socialist nature, called PROUT.

In its 23 years since its inception in 1955 in India, the movement has spread to over 80 countries throughout the world. Its progress has not been without opposition, however, and Shrii Sarkar is currently imprisoned in India on what the Margiis are convinced are false and contrived charges by the Indian Government, because of its outspoken stand against corruption, exploitation and narrow communal and caste sentiments. They point out that all previous movements in history that have worked for social justice have met with persecution and opposition from those who benefit from the status quo, and say that history is repeating itself again.

In the UK the movement has three main centres: in Liverpool, Birmingham and Hackney. It also has a centre in Dublin. Apart from giving free lectures and classes in the practices of yoga and meditation, it has organised an art gallery and theatre in Liverpool, a hostel for homeless

women in Birmingham, and a women's advice centre in London. Its members also operate some commercial ventures on a minimal profit basis to support the activities of the society, such as the health food shops in Hackney and Liverpool. In Liverpool they also run a vegetarian restaurant and bakery. The idea behind these ventures is to provide good food at the cheapest possible price, while providing a small but stable income for the society, which otherwise relies on donations for most of its activities.

The Hackney branch of Ananda Marga is in the process of registering a playgroup. The group will be run by Meeta Gibbons who is Montessori trained. It will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 12.00, and take children from 2½ years. Anyone who is interested in a place for their child can contact Meeta at 1 Cazenove Road.

To raise money to help with the costs of the playgroup there will be a jumble sale on Saturday 10 June from 11.00 am onwards, at No 1. Admission is 3p. Tea and cakes will be on sale.

Phone-in help for women - From 6 pm any evening there will be a woman available to talk to, over the phone, for women with any problems, or wanting to talk to other women. The number is 806 6664.

Relaxation classes - Ananda Marga is continuing these classes for women. They are on Monday afternoon from 2-3.30 (particularly for older women) and on Thursday evenings at 7.30-9 pm.

Cheap Kitchen - This facility has also been running for some time. A vegetarian meal is available for 40p. Wednesday lunchtimes 12-2 and on Friday evenings 7-8 pm. After 8 pm on a Friday the kitchen is for women only.

Tantra Yoga - Ananda Marga run a four week course in Tantra Yoga. There is an introductory talk every Wednesday at 7.30 pm.

Food For All - is the wholefood shop run by Ananda Marga. Opening times 9 am-6 pm Monday to Saturday. Early closing on Thursday.

Can
WE
write
for you?

Do you need help with reading or writing, forms or letters? Drop in at Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8, any Saturday morning between 10.30 and 12.30. We can't give advice or translate but we can put down what you want to say in English for you.

CALL FOR COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

How are Hackney Hospital and St Leonards going to be used when St Bartholomew's and the new Nucleus hospital take over the highly technical care of acute patients in Hackney? Because of East London's declining population, changes in medical practice, pressures on budget and lack of justification for the present use of the health budget in Hackney due to the imbalance of acute and chronic patients, there is a need for a reduction of acute general beds and a change in policy. The new proposals include highly technological, highly staffed hospitals on the one hand, supported by community hospitals for patients needing less specialised hospital care, with an increase in services for the elderly and psychiatric patients, plus changes in the pattern of General Practice.

The latest public meeting of the City and Hackney Community Health Council called for suggestions and ideas for the recasting of the hospitals in Hackney. Dr Frank Murphy, Area Medical Officer for City and East London Area Health Authority, opened the discussion by providing the background to the concept of community hospitals and the statistics calling for their inception. Community hospitals were first mentioned in a DHSS circular in 1974 - the idea being similar to that of the old style cottage hospital; a small, less forbidding, non-specialised, truly local hospital, an integral part of the community and intended for patients who do not need the specialised services and equipment of a highly technological general hospital. A group set up in Hackney to explore the possibilities of community hospitals



suggested three needs it might serve:

1. the rehabilitation and continued care of elderly patients;
2. support beds for the acute and technical hospitals;
3. GP beds.

Dr Murphy, with the help of slides, showed how there were now considerable numbers of elderly people living in Hackney (in contrast to the days when our hospitals were built), many of them (ie more than the national average) living alone. In the next ten years there will be half as many again in the over 75 yearsold age group. Yet in Hackney only a small part of the health budget is spent on services for the elderly and the greater proportion on acute hospital beds. A recent survey showed that of 265 patients in hospital for at least a month only 37 were there for good

medical reasons. Sixteen per cent were there because they had nowhere else to go, and although often mobile and continent and capable of rehabilitation many of them had been in acute hospital beds for years.

A community hospital would provide for the needs of this group. However there are fears that they would become 'dumping grounds' and that the standards of care would fall because of the low status which geriatric medicine has had. One way of hopefully preventing this would be to use the hospital for other patients (as in 2 and 3) - the emphasis would be on a different kind of care to that given in the general hospital rather than a poorer quality of care. Others feel though that elderly patients require very different facilities from other patients eg Occupational Therapists rather than Radiographers, etc and there would be a wastage of resources

if different categories of patients are put together.

Dr Murphy drew attention to the quality of GP services in Hackney. He called for action to make the area more attractive for younger GPs to come to. At present Hackney has more elderly GPs than the national average and large numbers of GPs with small lists. Facilities which GPs said were important to them according to a recent study, were the opportunity to work in a large practice and the opportunity to admit their own patients to hospital and practice medicine in a hospital setting. Community hospitals could be run on this basis.

The shape which Hackney's hospitals should take, the services they should provide, the way the budget should be spent over the next few years are being decided now. If you have any comments, ideas, then make them known to the Community Health Council, the body whose responsibility it is to ensure that the consumer's point of view is heard. The CHC also helps people gain information about the NHS and those who have complaints to make.

The CHC hold public meetings every month to discuss local health issues - all are welcome to listen and particularly contribute their feelings about the service they get in Hackney. Topics for future meetings include Occupational Health (Health in Industry) and the Health Needs of Ethnic Minority Groups. Suggested topics for other meetings are welcome. Contact CHC, 210 Kingsland Road, E2, tel 739 6308.

The next meeting is the AGM and Open Business meeting on Tuesday 20 June at 6.30 pm at 210 Kingsland Road.

NF landlord hassles tenants

Just before the Council elections in Islington, the National Front candidate in Tollington ward Keith Squires, took out an injunction against the Islington Campaign against Racism and

Fascism and Islington Gutter Press, a local community newspaper. The reason? Because they had published evidence of his harassment of tenants who lived in houses that he owned in Mildmay park.

Squires objected to the leaflet, and through his solicitor, Anthony Reed-Herbert, a member of the NF Directorate, applied for a High Court injunction.

Before the case appeared in court the two tenants signed affidavits saying that everything they had told the Gutter Press was true. A careful case was prepared by Islington Law Centre. Louis Blom-Cooper QC represented ICARF, the Gutter Press and the tenants. When the case came before Justice Wren, Squires' lawyer had to say "I'm sorry, but I haven't managed to get in touch with my client." (This was because he had just started a one year stretch in Wormwood Scrubs, for handling stolen goods.) Wren threw out the case immediately and awarded costs against Squires. Squires had to listen to his election results in his cell. He was also a candidate for Haringey Council.

A number of candidates for Islington Council were postmen working at the Northern District Office in Upper Street. However

it seems that many of them did not even realise that they had been nominated by the NF. One of them told Islington Anti-Nazi League Meeting

"I'm fed up of going to union conferences, saying I'm from Upper Street and being told 'Oh, the Nazi lot'. Not all postal workers at Upper Street are Front sympathisers, by any means. Of the 1400 there, about 100 are sympathetic to the National Front, and of these 100 only about 25 are active."

Of course, many of the postmen are immigrants, so we can't just let the Nazis get on with it. In the canteen we don't just ignore the little cells of the National Front, we get in among them and argue. When you argue with them, you find that a lot of them haven't got a clue about politics anyway. One of them, J. R. Smith, just goes red in the face and screams if you try to argue with him. That's what their politics is all about.

Of the 50 candidates standing for the National Front, 16 of them are known to me as members of the UPW (Union of Post-office workers). But even the candidates are not all convinced of what they're doing. When I argued with two of the candidates standing in Clerkenwell ward, they ended up asking "Is there some way we can withdraw our names?"

Unfortunately, it was too late by then.

Islington Gutter Press

HACKNEY FOE MARCH

On Saturday 29th April members and supporters of the recently formed Hackney Friends of the Earth group joined 10,000 demonstrators from all over the country to protest against government plans to expand reprocessing facilities at the nuclear power plant at Windscale.

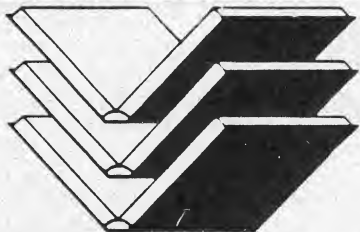
The march from Speakers' Corner to Trafalgar Square was the largest



of its kind in the country and marked the beginning of a week of action against nuclear power.

Speakers at the rally emphasised the dangers of plutonium, the raw material for nuclear bombs, falling into the hands of irresponsible governments, or even terrorists, if the Windscale plant goes ahead. They stressed that nuclear power is not necessary to meet Britain's energy needs and that there should be more research into alternative sources of energy, such as solar power and wind power.

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World Cup 78 is the biggest football circus of the century; there will be over 2,000 million spectators throughout the world and a good few thousand in Hackney watching the box during June.

Are you enjoying the TV coverage or do you think it's a bore that should be relegated to another channel? Maybe you are settling down in front of the set with your six-pack of McEwans, wishing you were in the Argentine.

Whatever our thoughts about World Cup 78 it is certainly putting Argentina on the map. The President General Videla and the military are spending over £350 million, employing amongst others the New York firm Beerson Marsteller and Peter 'Come Dancing' West's company, West Nally Ltd, to squeeze the maximum publicity from World Cup 78 for Argentina.

The Argentine military government need good publicity. Since they came to power in March 1976 sources within the Roman Catholic church and Amnesty International estimate that over 8,000 people have "vanished". They include scientists, nuns, priests, doctors, trade union leaders, academics, novelists, psychiatrists, students and journalists. Often their bodies are found on wasteland or in rivers. The government admits to there being 3,607 people in prison

without trial. Outside Cordoba, where Scotland played their first World Cup game on 3 June, there are three concentration camps.

During the last two years more than 30 journalists have been murdered, 40 have disappeared and a further 30 have been detained. And 400 have left the country. Yet over 3,000 local journalists have been accredited to cover the World Cup. It is estimated that two-thirds of these so-called journalists will in fact be police spies, and that their jobs will be to keep watch on foreign journalists, noting who they interview and offering them assistance.

A doctor in Buenos Aires says: "I tell you, I'm ashamed. I'm ashamed I live in a country where if you meet two men on the street late at night you pray they are the robbers and not the secret police."

In Argentina, trade unions are illegal, wages have in the last year been cut by 50% and it has the highest inflation rate in the world.

Football is a great game and it is good to watch the nations of the world battling it out on the green turf but sport should not be used to mask the injustices and cruelties of Argentina's dictatorship.

Please remember this as you watch World Cup 78.

good pubs in Hackney

As part of our continuing investigations into good places to drink and good music to hear, we present two local pubs which we personally recommend.

Sugaw'n kitchen

folk club

The Sugaw'n Kitchen Folk Club has music on in the Duke of Wellington pub, Balls Pond Road, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. These sessions are normally packed. Friday night has a special guest, as well as floor singing. Saturdays is traditional Irish night. An added bonus is on Sunday lunchtimes, when there is always music from people who bring their own instruments in and have a pint. The pub is seldom crowded then and the quiet atmosphere with some excellent playing in the background is guaranteed to sooth the sorest head. Sadly, the beer is Watneys, without even their traditional Fined Bitter, but the music amply compensates and the landlord and his staff are exceptionally friendly.

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT at the Duke of Wellington, 119 Balls Pond Road, N1,

June 2 Ian Russell
June 9 Red Eye
June 16 Patrick Kilbride
June 23 Alister Webster
June 30 £42 Cheque

Also two plays from 6 June:

"Oh if ever a man suffered" by Mary O'Malley, and
"The illumination of Mr Shannon" by Don Haworth.
Both plays directed by Tim O'Grady.

Good draught Guinness though.



the middleton arms bands every night



This is the line-up of bands appearing at the Middleton Arms for the month of June:

Thursday	1	ZARABANDA	free
Friday	2	UNITED	40p
Saturday	3	COCKSPARRA	30p
Sunday	4	PANTIES	free
Monday	5	ZAINE GRIFF	free
Tuesday	6	HI FI	free
Wednesday	7	FIRST AID	free
Thursday	8	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	free
Friday	9	JACKIE LYNTONS	
		HAPPY DAYS	30p
Saturday	10	ROLL-UPS	50p
Sunday	11	UNITED	40p
Monday	12	PANTIES	free
Tuesday	13	64 SPOONS	free
Wednesday	14	REMOULDS	free
Thursday	15	ZARABANDA	free
Friday	16	UNITED	free
Saturday	17	STUKAS	30p
Sunday	18	JOHN GRIMALDI	
		CHEAP FLIGHTS	free
Monday	19	HOTLINE	free
Tuesday	20	MONOS	free
Wednesday	21	THRILLERS	free
Thursday	22	ZARABANDA	free
Friday	23	ROLL-UPS	50p
Saturday	24	DOG WATCH	30p
Sunday	25	MIKE KHAN BAND	50p
Monday	26	REDNITE	free
Tuesday	27	SUCKER	free
Wednesday	28	APOSTROPHE	free
Thursday	29	THE CRUISERS	free
Friday	30	SPECIAL GUESTS	40p

A new and interesting venue in Hackney! The Middleton Arms has been playing a band every night of the week since it opened at the end of April. Keith Shepherd (ex-drummer for Slowbone), the publican, hopes to keep the bands on every night for as long as it is viable. The music is mainly pub rock and new wave but with quite a variety of competence and style. Must be currently one of the best places in London to check out local pub bands. Go and hear at 303 Queensbridge Road, E.8!



The Legalise Cannabis Campaign says the use of cannabis is a matter of personal choice in which the criminal law should play no part. As a first step we are calling for the abolition of all criminal penalties for the possession and cultivation of cannabis for personal use. The Campaign is reviewing various alternative models for legal distribution.

With at least one member of the Government's Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs openly agreeing that cannabis is "singularly harmless", the Campaign is hopeful of an early change in the law.

While in Britain possession of cannabis still carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, ten US states, as well as Holland and Italy, have decriminalised possession of small quantities. The Trudeau government has made an election pledge to decriminalise the use of cannabis in Canada. President Carter, in sponsoring a US Federal decriminalisation bill, said: "Penalties against the possession of a drug should not be more damaging to the individual than the use of the drug itself; and where they are, they should be changed. Nowhere is this more clear than in the possession of marijuana in private for personal use." It's time Britain took note of informed international opinion and changed the laws against cannabis in the UK. Contact Legalise Cannabis Campaign, 29 Old Bond Street, London W1, tel 289 3881.

The Legalise Cannabis Campaign is a new national organisation aiming to legalise cannabis in the UK. Started in April 1978, with the support of doctors, lawyers, journalists and other concerned individuals, the Legalise Cannabis Campaign will be holding its launching meeting on Saturday 3 June at 2.00 pm at the Central Hall, Westminster.

Bob Nightingale of the Legalise Cannabis Campaign says: "Smoking cannabis is more popular than watching Panorama. About five million people in this country have used it, and that includes MPs, members of the police force, the judiciary and the civil service. It's hypocritical that those who make and enforce laws against cannabis perpetuate the myth that it is a dangerous drug when research clearly shows that its use does not constitute a major health risk. In fact, there has been more money spent on researching cannabis than on many other drugs in common use, such as penicillin. Yet each year the Government ignores or dithers about the issue, 10,000 people are likely to be convicted of cannabis offences."



DON'T STOP THE CARNIVAL

It now seems likely that Finsbury Park will stage a West Indian Carnival in direct competition to the famous Notting Hill Carnival on August Bank Holiday. There are also plans for a third carnival on the same day in Wandsworth.

Could this mean the end of Notting Hill Carnival? Rival carnivals could mean that pressure by police to have Carnival scrapped will succeed.

Finsbury Park Carnival is the idea of Pastor Rupert Morris who runs the Rupert Morris Welfare Advice Centre in Bradbury Street, Dalston. He has invited various groups to send representatives to the organising committee, including people from three

solicitors firms, barristers chambers, various company directors, editor and deputy editors from West Indian World and the three police liaison officers for Islington, Hackney and Haringey.

The committee are very concerned about justifying the Finsbury Park Carnival. The committee chairperson, Ashton Gibson, said that it was not just a move to take pressure off Notting Hill, but should be seen as slowly moving towards capturing what West Indians have been used to regarding as a Carnival.

The magazine Race Today makes the following comment on attempts to split up the Carnival: "Others see the golden opportunity of becoming

leaders. Their latest sermon advocates that the Carnival movement has become too huge and unwieldy for the streets of Notting Hill. Mini gods call in turn for mini Carnivals in different black communities. Where we have united in a historic movement, they preach dispersal."

Pastor Morris says that he wants to gain good publicity for Islington's Black youth by having a trouble-free Finsbury Park Carnival but there are objections to this argument.

Firstly the committee has not questioned the role of the police although it is apparent that at the last two Carnivals the police have gone on the offensive against Black youth.

Secondly, some youths and youth workers fear that the good 'publicity' Pastor Morris is looking for is not for Hackney and Islington youth but for his own self-esteem.

'Race Today' says: "Carnival must be placed in the ranks of a permanent institution in the culture and artistic life of the United Kingdom."

Perhaps Pastor Morris and all of us should work to ensure that there is one united powerful Carnival in Notting Hill, where for one day a year Black people are in no danger of being harassed by the police.

HACKNEY'S SUMMER FESTIVALS

Hackney Show

Hackney Show - 10 June

The annual Hackney Show takes place in Clissold Park on 10 June, from 11.00 till 6.00. It's free - go along and enjoy yourself. Notice the happy smiling faces of the Hackney People's Press sellers!

Newington Green

Newington Green Festival - 2 July

The festival will be on Sunday 2 July from 2 - 11 pm. So far booked in are the Equators, Soulyard, The Smarties, Efiak, A N Other and the So and Soss, an Irish folk band and the Jah Ras Lenny Sounds Disco.

Other entertainers booked are: Action Space Theatre Group, Sidewalk Clowns, Turkish Dance Troupe, West Indian Dance Troupe, St Jude's Juno Band, Pack of Diamonds Majorettes, a Punch and Judy Show, and a small roundabout for under fives.

The organisers are still trying to book a fire eater, a Kung Fu display, Islington Play Association inflatable, Henrietta Floggett (last year "she" came as the Duchess of Stoke Newington) and some Morris men dancers.

Refreshments will be provided by the Union of Turkish Women, and the people who used to run the Dandelion Bakery in Newington Green Road. Pat Bryan, the landlord of the Rochester Castle pub on Stoke Newington High Street, will run the beer tent.

To help make this Festival 'the best yet' there will be workshops at Chats Palace every Thursday from May 11 till June 15 from 2.30 pm 4.30 pm and 7.30pm-9.30 pm. If you would like to come to any of these just ring 986 6714.



Hackney Marsh Fun Festival Picture Show - 15 and 15 July

The fifth Hackney Marsh Fun Festival takes place on 15 and 16 July at Daubeny Fields and the theme is the 'Hackney Marsh Picture Show', reflecting the wonderful world of motion pictures. The Festival will begin with the Picture Show Carnival Parade with decorated Floats, Marching Groups,

and individuals in costume. The carnival will wind its way through the streets of Homerton and back to the Festival site, where the marching groups and individuals will be judged in the arena. During the rest of Saturday and Sunday a spectacular range of movieland fun will be taking place. Events organised so far include clown wars, camel racing, Wild West display, Hackneywood Firework Display, Horror Tea House, Fairground, stalls, exhibitions, side-shows, pop concert, real ale bar, Ben Hur pram race, competitions, crazy games, film shows, dance and a cast of thousands.

The Festival's aim is to involve as many local people and organisations as possible and to make the fifth Hackney Marsh Fun Festival the best yet.

Watch out for HPP at all these events - tell us what you think of the paper!

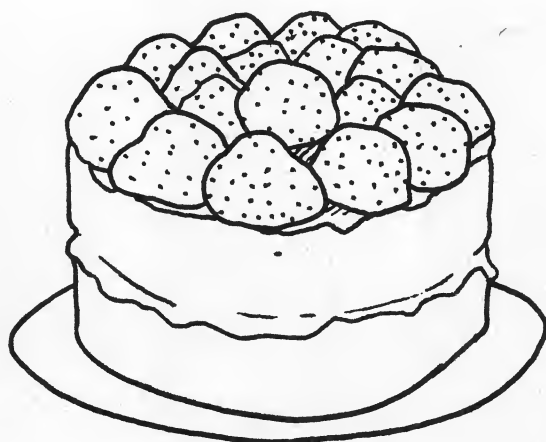
recipes



Strawberries have been fairly abundant and relatively cheap in the markets recently. Here is a recipe to make a few go a long way:

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

3 oz caster sugar
3 oz margarine
6 oz plain flour
2 level tsp baking powder
1 egg, beaten
6 oz double cream
1 lb strawberries
2 x 6" sponge tins



Grease tins well and dust with a little flour. Cream the marg and sugar till fluffy. Add the beaten egg gradually. Fold in the sifted flour and baking powder. Divide equally into the tins and bake centre oven at Regulo 6/400 for 15-18 minutes, till a biscuit colour. Remove onto cooling rack. Whip cream till thick and when cakes are cool, spread half the cream on

one. Slice half the strawberries (reserving the better shaped ones for decoration). Place a layer of sliced strawberries on the layer of cream and cover with the other cake. Spread the rest of the cream on top. Cut remaining strawberries in half and arrange on top of the cream to cover the surface. Refrigerate for a few hours - then eat! (Serves 5-6)



Here are the staff of Hackney People's Press hot on the trail of the latest in our world-shattering series of scoops. The paper is written, designed, photographed and laid out by a very small number of willing fools who slave away for absolutely no financial gain - if you feel you could join them, then please contact HPP, c/o 136 Kingsland High St, E8.



EVENTS

HALF MOON THEATRE, Alie Street, E1.

Until 17 June:

"We can't pay? - We won't pay!" by Dario Fo, adapted by Bill Colvill Translated from Italian by Lino Pertile, 8.00 pm.

22 June-15 July:

"Alfredo Galvez - Twelve Shifts of Gear" by Juan Vera, 8.00 pm except 22 June, at 7.00 pm.

CENTERPRISE, 136 Kingsland High St, E8.

Friday 2 June 8pm:
Music Workshop

Friday 9 June 8pm:
Womens' Theatre Group

Friday 16 June 8pm:
Aubrey/Berry/Campbell Defence Campaign meeting: Crispin Aubrey speaks.

Saturday 24 June 8pm:
Scotland Road Writers Workshop from Liverpool.

information

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For the next issue, just send us your information by

Friday 16th June

Write to Hackney People's Press, c/o 136 Kingsland High Street, London E.8.

Community, Tenants and Pensioners Groups

HACKNEY PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION
34 Dalston Lane, E8
Advice service on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10.30 to 4pm. Tea Bar Monday to Friday 10.30 to 4pm.

TASK FORCE
34 Dalston Lane, E8. Tel. 254 1620
Free advice for pensioners in Hackney. Odd jobs and visits in N16 and N4 only. Pensioners' activities and neighbourhood care in N5.

HACKNEY ASSOCIATION FOR WELFARE OF OLD PEOPLE
22 Dalston Lane, E8. Tel. 254 0715

HARAMBEE 2 PROJECT
74 Downham Road N1.
Social and advice centre, aimed particularly at black people.
Tuesday 10am-10pm
Thursday 10am-4.30pm
Friday 10am-10pm

OFF CENTRE
25 Hackney Grove, E8. Tel. 985 8566
Advice for young people between 13 and 25 with any problems.
Monday-Friday 10am-6pm (open until 8.30pm on Thursdays).

FRIENDS ANONYMOUS SERVICE
Friendship House, 27 Hackney Grove, E8.
24 hour telephone service with people always willing to listen and act.
986 2233 (24 hours)
985 0973
986 9146 (office hours)

FEDERATION OF HACKNEY TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS
Represents borough, GLC and private tenants throughout Hackney. Contact joint secretaries for details: Bob Darke, 154 Trelawney Estate, Paragon Road, E9 and Steve Jacobs, c/o ALHE, 17 Victoria Park Square, E2 (981 1221).

HACKNEY COMMUNITY HOUSING ACTION GROUP
Concerned about the blight of homes left empty for long periods in Hackney and working to get them used. Contact Jon Webber, Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8.

HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM
East London branch, c/o John Bagge, 90 Fawcett Estate, Clapton Common, E5. Campaigns for advancement of education in constructive penal and social policies.

HACKNEY GINGERBREAD
Group for one parent families. Meets every Monday at the Family Centre, Rectory Road, N16. Creche available. Contact Teresa Blackhall, 729 1647 for details.

HOMERTON GINGERBREAD
Group for one parent families. Meets every other Friday at the Wally Foster Centre. Contact 985 3972 for details.

HACKNEY UNITED TENANTS ASSOCIATION
c/o 35 Finnerme House, Woodberry Down, N4.

Women

HACKNEY ABORTION CAMPAIGN
Meetings fortnightly at 20 Parkholme Road, E8. Contact 249 3768 for details.

WOMEN'S CENTRE
1 Cazenove Road, N16.
Advice, creche, children's clothes swap shop, beginners photography, crafts, yoga, relaxation, consciousness raising groups, food co-op, alternative medicine, self-defence. Further information from 806 6664. All women welcome.

RAPE CRISIS CENTRE
Tel. 340 6145. 24 hour information and advice.

HACKNEY SOCIALIST FEMINIST GROUP
Meet alternate Mondays at the Factory, Matthias Road, N 16, at 7.30pm. Contact Pat 254 5821 or Harriet 254 6208.

HACKNEY TRADES COUNCIL WOMEN'S SUB COMMITTEE
Re-formed recently. Meets once a month. Contact Judy Newcombe, 254 0685 for details. All women and men welcome.

Health

CITY AND HACKNEY COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL
Shoreditch Health Centre, 210 Kingsland Road, E2. Tel. 739 6308/6351.
The public's voice in the NHS—provides advice, takes up your complaints and criticisms. Open meeting on 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm. Publishes HEALTH IN HACKNEY: a comprehensive FREE guide to health facilities and services in the area.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN HACKNEY
Advice, ideas, information. Trying to contact all families in district with a handicapped child. Contact Ann Purdon, 48 Mount Pleasant Lane, E5. Tel. 808 8438.

THE BIRTH CENTRE
188 Old Street, EC1. Tel. 251 4076.
Information, advice, lectures and seminars on birth at home and in hospital.
Open evening every Wednesday 8pm. 25p.

EAST LONDON WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUP
c/o 116 Albion Drive, E8.

STOKE NEWINGTON HEALTH GROUP
Local people interested in all matters concerned with health. Contact Alan Clarke, 21 Kynaston Road, N16. 254 3277.

Community Centres

CENTERPRISE
136 Kingsland High Street, E8. Tel. 254 9632.
Bookshop and office hours:
Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6.30pm.
Coffee bar and meeting room hours:
Tuesday-Friday 10am-9.30pm.
Saturday 10am-5.30pm.
FACILITIES:
Coffee bar; bookshop; advice, information and contacts for individuals and groups. Typewriters can be used free, duplicating at cost price. Ask in General Office.
ADVICE CENTRE:
Legal and welfare advice session on Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm. Contact Jon Webber or ring 254 9634.
READING CENTRE:
For adults who find it hard to read or write. Contact Sue Shrapnel or ring 254 9635.
PUBLISHING PROJECT:
Publishing books by people who live in Hackney. Contact Ken Worpole or ring 254 9634.

WALLY FOSTER CENTRE
Homerton Road, E9. Tel. 985 3972.
Community Centre with many activities:
SOCIAL SERVICES ADVICE CENTRE: every weekday 9am-5pm.
ADULT LITERACY CLASSES:
Every Monday at 7pm.
Also playgroup, mothers and toddlers group, pensioners lunch club, school welfare advice, youth club for 5-8 year olds, Kung Fu and juvenile dance classes.
See also ADVICE and NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGLISH CLASSES listings.

THE FACTORY
107 Matthias Road, N16 (next to Newington Green School). Tel. 249 3066.
Runs mothers and toddlers clubs, sewing classes, English classes, youth club, childminders drop-in group (creche provided), after school club, arts and crafts club, pensioners lunch club, food co-op and an Indian dance class.
Contact them for further details.

THE FAMILY CENTRE
50 Rectory Road, N16. Tel. 249 8334.
Information and help for all community problems. Cooking, washing, creche facilities.
Mothers and toddlers group on Thursdays, 1.30-3.30pm (homeworkers especially welcome).
"Encourage your child to read" class on Mondays, 5.30-7.30pm. Supplementary school now operating. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Contact them for further information.
Also see ADVICE and Neighbourhood English Classes and Gingerbread under COMMUNITY GROUPS listings on this page.

HOXTON HALL
128a Hoxton Street, N1. Tel. 739 4901.
Runs playgroup, pensioners lunch club, legal advice centre, after-school junior club and writers' workshop as well as evening classes in shoe repairing, dressmaking, pottery, crafts, old-time dancing and singing. Also Women's Discussion Group and the Hoxton Drama Group.
Many events take place in the theatre each month—see the EVENTS AND MEETINGS section. Also see ADVICE listing.

LATIN AMERICA CENTRE
17 Hoxton Square, N1. Tel. 739 2910.
Social and cultural centre for Latin Americans and British people interested in Latin America.

Ecology

WASTE PAPER etc.
Take old newspaper, magazines, cardboard, clean rags and car batteries to RESEARCH INTO CHILD BLINDNESS, Drysdale Street, N1 (just off Hoxton Street) and get given FREE Green Shield Stamps! 2 stamps per pound of paper.
Monday-Friday 7am-4pm.
All the paper YOU take in goes to help blind children to see.

SERA (Socialist and Environmental Resources Association)
North East London branch meets regularly.
Contact Jackie Hutson, 17 Mentmore Terrace, E8.

HACKNEY FRIENDS OF THE EARTH
Local group recently formed. For details ring Jim Read, 802 0122

RECYCLED PAPER
High quality recycled papers (duplicating, printing, writing or card), personalised stationery and silk screen printing available from Regensis, 32 Warwick Road, N 18. Tel. 249 8367.

Workshops

THE WORKSHOP
81 Lenthall Road, E8. Tel. 254 3082.
Learn to print posters, T shirts etc. at non-commercial rates. Cost of materials only.
Open Tuesday-Sunday 1pm-8pm.

COMET WORKSHOP
Halcomb Street, N1. Tel. 729 0936.
Learn sewing, macramé, toymaking, woodwork. Creche available, toy library. Tea and coffee. Open every weekday.

Advice

Free legal advice on housing, landlord and tenant, employment, social security, welfare, matrimonial, immigration and discrimination problems can be obtained from the following centres:

CENTERPRISE
136 Kingsland High Street, E8. Tel. 254 9632.
THURSDAYS 6.30-7.30pm.

HOXTON HALL
128a Hoxton Street, N1. Tel. 739 5431.
WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm.

KINGSMEAD
Wally Foster Centre, Homerton High Street, E9. Tel. 985 3804.
TUESDAYS 7-8pm.

SNAGS
102 Manor Road, N16. Tel. 800 3770.
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm. (802 7949).

ALLEN ROAD
12 Allen Road, N16.
THURSDAYS 7-8pm.

Advice can also be obtained from:

HACKNEY ADVICE BUREAU & LAW CENTRE
236-8 Mare Street, E8. Tel. 936 8446.
Open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm (7.30 on Thursdays).
Legal aid and advice on housing, rents, repairs and employment problems.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX
1-11 Hoxton Street, N1. Tel. 739 4654.
106 Old Street, EC1. Tel. 253 2155.

HACKNEY COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL
245 Mare Street, E8. Tel. 985 5244.
TUESDAYS 7-8.30pm.
Immigration, discrimination, housing law and other problems.

THE FAMILY CENTRE
50 Rectory Road, N16. Tel. 249 8334.
Information and help in all community problems. Cooking, washing, creche facilities. Open all day.

HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE
302-4 Mare Street, E8. Tel. 986 8123.
Helps with all housing problems. Repairs, rebates, landlord/tenant, council/tenant.

HACKNEY CENTRAL INFORMATION BUREAU
Town Hall, Mare Street, E8. Tel. 986 3123.

HACKNEY NORTH LABOUR PARTY ADVICE CENTRE
5 Stamford Hill, N16.
Advice and information on legal, financial, welfare, housing, social security and personal problems.
FRIDAYS 7-8pm.

RECTORY HOUSING AND WELFARE ADVICE CENTRE
Family Centre, 50 Rectory Road, N16.
Help with housing, employment, health and social security and community and race relations problems.
SUNDAYS 10.30am-12.00 noon.

Advice can also be obtained from HARAMBEE 2 PROJECT, OFF CENTRE and FRIENDS ANONYMOUS. See Community Groups listing on this page.

For MPs and councillors Advice surgeries see LABOUR PARTY under POLITICAL GROUPS listing on this page.

Food

TOWARDS JUPITER
191 Mare Street E8. 985 5394
Wholefood shop also selling books and crafts.

FOOD FOR ALL
3 Cazenove Road, N16. Tel. 806 4138.
Wholefood shop, also selling books and crafts. All food carries levy to support the women's centre next door (see WOMEN) and proposed school at 5 Cazenove Road.

Education

SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION
83 Eleanor Road, E8.
Contact Beverly Bgows for details.

ENGLISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30pm at Latin America Centre, 17 Hoxton Square, N1.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGLISH CLASSES
Held at the Family Centre, Rectory Road, N16. Tel. 254 1193. Monday-Friday 10.30am-4.30pm. Held at the Wally Foster Centre, E9. Tel. 985 3972. Every Wednesday 1.30pm.

ADULT LITERACY SCHEMES
For details of adult literacy courses in your area contact:
Carol Morris, BETHNAL GREEN AEI, 229 Bethnal Green Road, E2. 739 7790.
Pam Lorenz, CLAPTON AEI, Brooke House, Kenninghall Road, E5. 985 9646.
Sue Grandfield, HACKNEY COLLEGE, 254 7763
Mr G.L. Harding, HACKNEY LIBRARIES, Shoreditch Library, Pitfield Street N1. 739 6981.
Sue Shrapnel, HACKNEY READING CENTRE, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8. 254 9635.
Ms J Hewes, HIGHBURY MANOR AEI, Jack Ashley School, Blackstock Road, N4. 226 9190.
John Rake, HOXTON HALL, 128a Hoxton Street N1. 739 5431.

Men

DALSTON MEN'S GROUP
Contact Pete, 39 Parkhome Road, E8. Tel. 249 3072.

EAST LONDON/BRIXTON MEN'S GROUP
Contact Paul, 12 Montague Road, E8. Tel. 254 9497.

EAST LONDON MEN'S CENTRE
19 Redmans Road, E1. Tel. 790 2454.

Political Groups

HACKNEY LABOUR PARTY
HACKNEY NORTH AND STOKE NEWINGTON
Constituents advice service at 7pm every Friday at 5 Stamford Hill, N16 when local councillors are present. David Weitzmann, MP, also runs advice service every other Sunday at 11am. Ken Livingstone, GLC councillor, has advice service generally on 4th Thursday of each month.
Details from 5 Stamford Hill, N16. Tel. 800 7430.
HACKNEY NORTH LABOUR PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS: for details contact secretary, Mumtaz Khan, c/o 5 Stamford Hill, N16.

HACKNEY SOUTH & SHOREDITCH
Constituents advice service at 7.30pm. every Friday at 96 Dalston Lane, E8. Ron Brown, MP, available 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Margaret Morgan, GLC Councillor, available 1st Friday of each month. Local councillors every Friday. Advice service also operates at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Blethley Street, N1, at 7pm. on 1st and 3rd Fridays. Ron Brown is present on 1st and 3rd Fridays. Margaret Morgan on 3rd Fridays, and local councillors on 1st and 3rd Fridays.
HACKNEY SOUTH LABOUR PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS: for details contact secretary c/o 96 Dalston Lane, E8.

HACKNEY CENTRAL
Constituents advice service at 7.30pm. every Friday at 96 Dalston Lane, E8. Stanley Clinton Davis, MP, available every Friday. Ellis Hillman, GLC Councillor, available every other Friday. Local councillors every Friday.
HACKNEY CENTRAL LABOUR PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS: for details contact Mrs A Smith, 294 Navarino Mansions, E8.

HACKNEY YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
Meets weekly. All young people welcome.
HACKNEY COMMUNIST PARTY
Twelve branches hold meetings regularly throughout the borough. All welcome.
HACKNEY MORNING STAR GROUP
Meets weekly. Organises political, social and fund-raising events in support of Britain's socialist daily paper, the Morning Star. All Morning Star readers/supporters welcome.

For further information and a copy of the monthly newsletter detailing the meetings, campaigning actions etc. organised by the Hackney Morning Star group, Young Communist League and Communist Party contact David Green, 126 Amhurst Road, E8. Tel. 249 6374.

HACKNEY SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
Meets regularly in the borough. Contact Liz 739 9772 for details.

LONDON WORKERS GROUP
For independent militants, working anarchists and all those who wish to organise for direct workers control. Meets fortnightly. Contact Box W, Rising Free, 182 Upper Street, N1, or ring Dave, 249 7042.

ANARCHY COLLECTIVE
Produces ANARCHY, a seasonal magazine on sale in Centerprise and Rising Free, 20p. Also involved in general anarchist activity. Ring 359 4794 before 8pm.

LIBERTARIAN COMMUNIST GROUP
c/o 136 Kingsland High Street, E8. E8.

ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION
Box 11, Rising Free, 182 Upper Street, N1.

SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING
Hackney/Islington Branch. Contact Maureen Taylor or Mon Lawlor (263 4359 during daytime). SACU is open to anyone who favours friendship and understanding between Britain and socialist China.

HACKNEY COMMITTEE AGAINST RACIALISM
All-party anti-racist campaign. Meets first Wednesday of each month at the Family Centre, Rectory Road, N16.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN HACKNEY GROUP
Meets second Thursday of every month at 8pm at Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street E8.

Meditation

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ANANDA MARGA
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Music and Broadcasts

ISLINGTON & HACKNEY MUSIC WORKSHOP
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HACKNEY HOSPITAL RADIO
Programme schedule:
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9pm-11pm Easy Listening Show
Sunday 1pm-5pm Pop Shows
5pm-7pm Soul Show
7pm-10pm Sunday Supplement (local and international news, "In Bed with a Book", funnies and music.)

Hackney Radio Roadshow disco unit. Contact Bob Kingsley 539 6235 or Hackney Hospital Radio, 985 5555 ext 115.

Children

HACKNEY UNDER FIVES
136 Kingsland High Street, E8. Tel. 254 9145.
Information and support for parents with children below school age. Contact Midge Harte. Stores are available every Saturday from 10am-12.30pm. Open monthly meetings first Tuesday of every month at 8pm. in Centerprise.

HACKNEY PLAY ASSOCIATION
136 Kingsland High Street, E8. Tel. 254 9145.
Information, advice and help to people organising play facilities for children. Contact Cheryl Broadway or Mo Ross.

CHILD-CARE BULLETIN COLLECTIVE
112b Forest Road E8.
Publishes bulletins and pamphlets about child care and related topics. Collective is open to anyone interested. Contact 226 0817 or 254 2227 for details of next meeting—with creche.

Transport

HACKNEY PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACTION COMMITTEE

Meets regularly to discuss how to improve public transport in Hackney. Contact Tony Jacobs, 3 Hockley House, Morning Lane, E9. Tel. 986 2303.

HACKNEY CYCLISTS ACTION GROUP
Fighting for cycle tracks and better provisions for cyclists. Contact Michael Ellman, 21 Arlington Square, N1. Tel. 226 1887.

Gays

EAST LONDON FAGGOTS
Collective of gay socialists living and working in East London. Contact 19 Redmans Road, E1. Tel. 790 2454.

GAY SWITCHBOARD
Tel. 837 7324. 24 hour information and advice.

EAST LONDON CHE (Campaign for Homosexual Equality)
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GEMMA
Gemma Group for Disabled Lesbians, including older women. Contact BM Box 5700, London WC1V 6XX.

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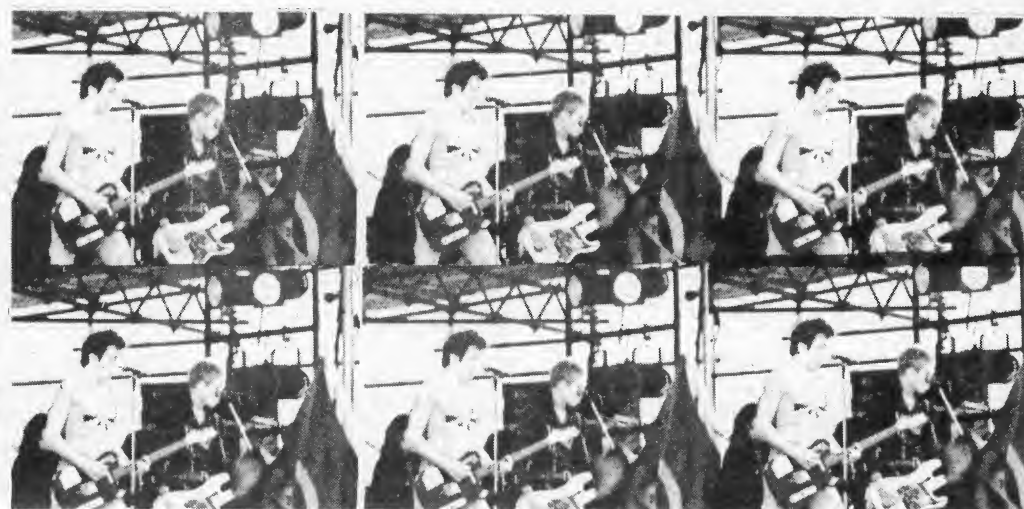
They came, eighty thousand people in all, and marched with us, the people of Hackney in the largest anti-fascist demonstration since the thirties. For more than two hours, people poured into Victoria Park, and when the head of the march arrived they were told that the tail was still in Trafalgar Square. The day was fine, the atmosphere was great, the music was marvellous. All united to show how much the people detest the racist thuggery and prejudice of the National Front and its racist allies. The very next day, the Front held a march in complete secrecy. It poured with rain, and there were more police than marchers. What a difference - and what a day!



The march approaching Victoria Park.



Mounted police in Brick Lane, but no sign of the Front.



The Clash on stage.

Part of the eighty thousand strong crowd.

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